

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2008.

35 U.S.C. 101 Rejections

Claims 17-21 are rejected under 35 USC 101 as being written toward non-statutory subject matter. Particularly, the Office Action asserts that because the specification recites a carrier wave as an example of a machine-readable medium, the claims reciting a machine-readable medium are non-statutory. Claim 17 has been amended to include the phrase “storage device” in the preamble in place of the term “machine-readable medium”. Applicant submits the rejection is overcome.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claim 1-9, 11, 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gupta in view of Chaudhari (7,039,951). Particularly, the Office Action alleges that Chaudhari teaches controlling permissions of emails based on emails of recipients. Applicant explicitly amends the claims to make clear that the ability of Applicant’s invention, according to one embodiment, to control the permissions of the email by the sender is not dependent on the recipient’s email address. Therefore, Applicant submits that the rejection is overcome.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are presently in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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